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- 1. ICRC INFORMS THAT REPORT NOT YET COMPLETED BUT FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONFIDENCE.
- 2. RED CROSS HAS ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO SEND MISSION TO AREA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS TIME ONE ICRC OFFICER AND ONE DOCTOR ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WER TRAVELING TO IRAQI KURDISTAN AND GOI DID NOT OBJECT. ICRC MADE POINT THAT GOI DID NOT EXPRESSLY PERMIT TRIP BUT MERELY "DID NOT OBJECT" WHICH DIFFERS FROM PRESS REPORTED CITED IN REFTEL. TEAM VISITED 150 IRAQI PRISONERS AND ALSO EXAMINED RELIEF NEEDS OF THE AREA'S POPULATION. ICRC IS CURRENTLY EVALUATING THE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE REQUIREMENTS.
- 3. MISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO GET MORE INFORMATION AS EVALUATION PROGRESSES, AND IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN COPY OF REPORT.DALE

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